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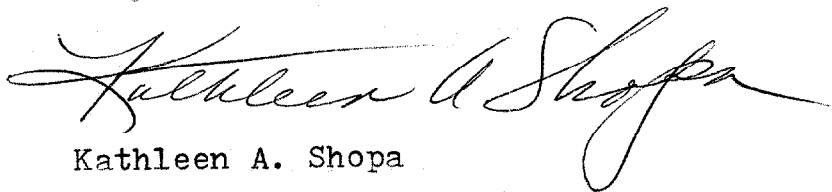
Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/ CP1

I am writing in regard to downed animals--those too sick or injured to stand. I realize they are a very small percentage of slaughtered animals, but even one entering the human food chain is unacceptable in this day of BSE. As you are aware it has been strongly linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

With better care and handling there would be very few downed animals. Removing the market for these unfortunate animals would provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. And as a final thought--it is impossible to move downed animals humanely. The brutality of the whole thing is unspeakable.

PLEASE STOP THE DOWNED ANIMAL TRADE----NOW!

Very sincerely,

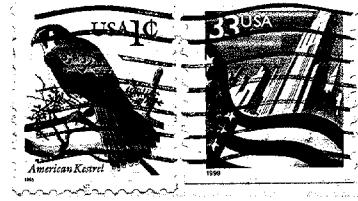


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